

SOS Ukraine prayer points



The Team

Our team, which is helping shelter, feed and evacuate Jewish refugees to safety on both sides of the border, needs your constant prayer support! They, too, have loved ones they worry about. They have been working day and night for some ten days now saving lives. The phone rings constantly with desperate people looking for help. Please pray for:

- Supernatural peace from God to fill the hearts and minds of each team member
- God's strength not to break under the pressure
- Protection for the families

QUOTE Ira: "I will never forget the moment that the people who escaped from Kharkov came out of the bus in Vinnitsa, 2 days ago. Dark faces, fear. Some of them had only 10 minutes to decide if they go, grab some stuff and flee. Kharkov is surrounded by Russians. This bus got through, but other busses got shot at. Thank God not this bus. All the stories, all the phone calls. We lost count of days, it consumes us."

Koen: Wonder how long we can continue at this speed? Please pray for us!

Shelter operations

The Lord has led our team to prepare places of refuge and shelter for the past few months. Now these shelters are filling up to the brim. Please pray for:

- Good coordination, peace and strength for the volunteers serving there
- Provision of all needed resources (mattresses, bedding, food, hygiene items...)
- God's protection over the shelters and all resources stored in the warehouses

QUOTE: Alina: "Another day is gone. It was a long and busy day: phone calls, talks, logistics, meeting people, feeding them, putting them to sleep, preparing for the next day. ... many devoted volunteers doing supporting us in our work. Overnight, our lives have changed. And now we see thousands of Jews fleeing from the war to a place called Home. It is heartbreaking to see them leave in tears because they are leaving behind ruined homes, towns, lives and hopes. I said goodbye to several people I have known for years, knowing I will never see them again. I know for sure that these people will never forget what "Christians for Israel" as well as many other Christians have done for them. They go, and we stay here to accomplish our mission - to bring God's chosen people back to their Land! May God help, protect and bless us!" 

Evacuation operations

Our team is working around the clock to take people to safety, in cooperation with the Jewish Agency, partner organizations, churches, friends – whoever is willing to help. This is the primary focus of the work at the moment. Please pray for:

- Enough drivers, vehicles, access to diesel
- Safe travels, protection from attacks, protection from breakdowns
- Good coordination of who needs to go where and when

QUOTE: Sara: Today we received 72 people on the Moldovan border who fled from Kharkov, Odessa, Belya Tserkov, Kremenchug and Khmelnitsky. All came through our Shelter in Western Ukraine. Ira joined them. We waited for them with three busses on the Moldovan side of the border.

As we waited, we met a couple that had come from Kiev on their own. They had a sign on their suitcase saying "Israel". They had no clue where to go, so we took them too.

Across the river we could see Ukraine, we could hear the sirens going off several times. People were in tears, you could see the fear in their eyes. The uncertainty, the fear of the unknown. We helped them with suitcases, brought them to the coffee shop. Hugged them. Smiled at them, talk to them in whatever language they understand. And if there was no common language, we speak the language of love. They feel relieved. They were taken care of in our shelter, and now they are taken care of on this side of the border. Moldova is flooded with refugees. This poor country can hardly handle the thousands and thousands of people fleeing Ukraine.

It is Shabbat today. For these 74 people they will have a quiet Shabbat. They will very soon be brought to Israel. But so many Jews are still in fear. Their future is still uncertain. A lot of work to be done. Please pray for the team, for the communities, for peace in Ukraine.

Ukraine's Jewish communities – those that are still functioning

Those Jewish communities that are not under fire currently have become destinations for thousands of desperate refugees from the hot combat areas. In addition to providing for their needy in an already difficult economic situation, they now also have to find accommodation, food and comfort for those coming from afar seeking shelter. Please pray for:

- Access to resources (financial, accommodation, food, medical and hygiene supplies, transport) - that they will still be able to buy necessary things for the needy
- Dedicated teams and volunteers that are willing to help
- Wisdom in coordinating help

QUOTE *Natella, Jewish school and community leader Belya Tserkva: "Yesterday we received your transfer. This is really saving us as people are starting to run out of money and don't have enough food supplies at home – that affects both young and old. Thanks to you, we are alive!"*

Ukraine's Jewish communities – those that are cut off or occupied

Some cities have come under such heavy fire, are surrounded by Russian forces or are already occupied that our Jewish community partners there are nearly helpless. Public transport has stopped, shops and pharmacies are empty, the streets are full of military, power plants have been bombed, no electricity, no heating. For those places we can only pray currently for God's supernatural intervention.

Those cities include, but are not limited to:

- Kiev, the capital
- Sumy and Chernigov in the north
- Kharkov in the east
- Mariupol, Kherson, to a degree Nikolayev in the south
- Lugansk and Donetsk in the breakaway republics

Pray for:

- God to enable the Jewish communities to stretch the resources that were brought before and continue to find ways to provide for people where the need is greatest
- God to send His angels to serve the needy who have no one to care for them at the moment
- God to come and comfort the scared, lonely elderly who have been through a war before

- Safe (!) humanitarian corridors to be established for the surrounded cities for residents to flee, and for humanitarian aid to be brought into the cities

QUOTE: *Phone conversation with Vera, Hesed Chernigov contact for sponsorship program*

Yesterday I didn't know if we would live to see the new day

They are bombing us like crazy, day and night

Our balconies broke off; the kitchen windows are broken. Non-stop fighting in the streets.

They hit the power plant, so most of the city is without heating and without electricity

I was able to charge my phone in the suburb where my daughter lives

We spent all of last night in the basement. We are all together now, our whole family.

Nothing goes any more, shops and pharmacies are closed. Too dangerous to go outside.

Our elderly call me all the time. I try to comfort them and calm them down as much as I can. In some critical cases, I have been able to get medicines delivered via the Red Cross.

My cousin has Parkinson. He broke down and he was lying on the ground for three days until someone found him. My family tried to keep me back, but I found a way to get him to our house, and I'm taking care of him now.

Thank you for praying for us, for standing with us in this dark hour.

The churches in Ukraine

Many churches have been praying for the Jewish people and have become a blessing. Many are becoming places of hope and refuge, providing help wherever they can. Pray for:

- God's mighty blessing on those that bless His people in these difficult times
- A powerful testimony of love in action coming from the churches to the Jewish people that heals the past wounds of Christian antisemitism in the land
- Grace from above to be a beacon of hope for anyone coming to seek help

QUOTE: *Pastor Vitaly, Sumy, Northern Ukraine: "Dear brothers and sisters worldwide, we are sending this prayer request to you as black clouds of smoke from the bombings are covering the sun over our capital, Kiev. Russian elite forces have been attacking our beloved capital, a spiritual center of Eastern Europe. Everything that has been built up for generations is at stake. Much will be decided in the upcoming days and nights. We urge you: Stand with us! Pray that God will save us from this insanity! Prayer is stronger than every enemy! In love, Your brothers and sisters in Ukraine.*